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Next Week's Comprehensive Plan Listening Sessions to Cover Topics of Future Growth, Creating a Vibrant Economy and Sustainability

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2015) As part of the Comprehensive Plan Update-Navigate Bainbridge, the City is hosting series of six listening sessions in February and March. Next week's sessions will be focused on the topics of *Vibrant Economy* and *Green/Well Planned Community*. These two sessions will ask participants to provide input on topics such as future growth on Bainbridge Island, affordable housing, energy conservation and creating a vibrant-sustainable economy. The *Vibrant Economy and Green/Well Planned Community* Listening Sessions will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, February 23, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am and Wednesday, February 25, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Each of the three topic areas has a morning and evening session to facilitate maximum participation, and though each session will be unique, the agenda for both will be identical. The format of the meetings will include small group discussions, large group report backs and an opportunity for general discussion. More information, a full list of preparation questions, and details on the format of the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/668/Listening-Sessions>. Examples of the type of questions that will be considered include:

- What are some of the business types that you think merit special efforts to attract and/or retain?
- In what ways could the City or others ensure orderly and strategically planned growth?
- What incentives should the City consider to encourage energy conservation, sustainability, and recycling?

Members of the public that are unable to attend a session, but would like to submit comment can do so by email to pcd@bainbridgewa.gov or in-person at City Hall. Questions regarding the Listening Sessions can be submitted to Jennifer Sutton, Special Projects Planner at 206.780.3772 or jsutton@bainbridgewa.gov.

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